A SMALL CEMETERY

Reference has been made to the burial of Mrs. Peggy Donnell on the land of Rufus. This was in the southeast corner of his land. The grave was probably the most northerly of the four graves in the row.

The next grave south of it was probably that of Mrs. Witherspoon who had come with her daughter, Mrs. Martha (Witherspoon) Donnell, the wife of Calvin Donnell.

The next one was either that of Uncle Jimmie Donnell, a brother of William Donnell who had married Peggy (Foster) Donnell. Uncle Jimmie had settled near Springfield. He came to visit these kinsmen. He took sick and died at Calvin's. In the spring of 1862, Rufus Donnell died in his field and was buried there, May 1862. These two men were probably buried one at either end of Peggy Donnell's grave.

September 15, 1862, Calvin Donnell died of gunshot wounds and was buried in the cemetery. He was probably the third in the row of four. February 15, 1897, Calvin's wife, Martha, died and was buried in this cemetery. Her grave is probably the most southerly of the four.

In addition to those mentioned there were three small children in this cemetery. Calvin R. Dickerson, a small son of Norvel M. Dickerson and his wife, Mary (Donnell) Dickerson. This child was born October 6. 1863 (in Greene County) and died near Springfield, Mo., April 28, 1864. My father says, the body was brought there from Springfield by his Uncle William Witherspoon. This shows that they were in Greene County at the time. The body was brought overland in a wagan.

There were two small children of Geo. and Nancy (Donnell) Lowrey buried in this cemetery. They had eaten poke root, phytolacca decandra, which killed them. (I ate some once on a time, and did it make me sick)

There is one little marker in this cemetery, that of Calvin R. Dickerson. The others have no markers but the outlines of the graves could be seen by the aid of some stones that were placed there. There is a chance that Effie Dickerson, a small child of Norvel and Mary Dickerson was buried there.

With the exception of the burial of Mrs. Martha Donnell, Feb. 15, 1897, there had been no one buried since 1864. No one has been buried there since that date.

What is known as the Walker Cemetery was started probably some time in the 1850s. Two of Norvel and Mary Dickerson's children were buried there. Clinton Henry in Nov. 1887 and Nannie (Dickerson) Hickman in April 1889.

This isolated cemetery, almost unmarked, should bring shame and sadnes to the descendants of those buried there.

CALVIN DONNELL

Descendants of Calvin Donnell, born, Wilson County, Tennessee, August 3rd, 1807; a son of William Donnell and Margaret (Peggy) Donnell. My father was pretty sure that his full name for John Calvin Donnell instead of just Calvin.

His first marriage was to Margaret L. Hancock, this evidently was in 1832. Referring to the church minutes you may see the following: "Nov. 25, 1832, Elizabeth L. Donnell and Margaret L. Donnell, were admitted to open communion."

Children:

Margaret L. Donnell-1-Wilson Co.-Aug. 18, 1834.